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IM MEETINGS, AUGUST 10

1. DURING ITS SECOND DAY OF MEETINGS, NACC DEALT WITH BUDGETARY MATTERS, AND DECIDED TO ENLARGE ITSELF TO MEMBERSHIP OF 23 (FROM 17). PRECISE MANNER OF DOING SO, AND DISCUSSION OF MANDATE OF NACC, PREOCCUPIED REMAINDER OF COMMITTEE'S TIME, WITHOUT CONCLUSIVE RESULTS. NACC WILL MEET ONCE MORE, HOWEVER, MORNING AUGUST 11, TO CONSIDER REVISED VERSION OF YUGOSLAV PAPER ON NACC FUNCTIONS. BUT IT WILL BE MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN LATE AFTER-NOON AUGUST 11, WHICH--AS SRI LANKANS HAD WISHED-- WILL DEAL WITH INCREASING NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES IN DECLARATIONS, DRAFT RESOLUTIONS, MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS AND COMPOSITION OF NACC ITSSTF.

2. MINISTERIAL SESSIONS WILL CONSIST OF PLENARY AND TWO COMMITTEES OF WHOLE--ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL. SRI LANKANS ALREADY HAVE APPEALED TO FOREIGN MINISTERS TO AVOID GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS IN THEIR PLENARY
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MEETINGS.

3. ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS ALSO WILL MEET AUGUST 11, CHAIRED BY EGYPT. AGENDA REPORTEDLY INCLUDES THREE ITEMS: "QUESTION OF EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL", "PREPARATION OF A RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE", AND "BILATERAL ISSUES BETWEEN ARAB COUNTRIES".

4. LOCAL PRESS ARE ABUZZ OVER STORY THAT SRI LANKAN COUNCIL OF STATE SECURITY PHYSICALLY HAS SEALED OFF COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM OF THE NORTH KOREAN VESSEL IN PORT, THE "MAN KYUNG HO". ACCORDING TO ROK TRADE MISSION, NORTH KOREANS HAD REQUESTED GOSL PERMISSION TO TRANSMIT MESSAGES DIRECTLY FROM THE SHIP TO PYONGYANG, WHICH PERMISSION WAS DENIED AUGUST 9. BRITISH UNDERSTAND THAT SRI LANKANS HAD DETERMINED SHIP WAS BRISTLING WITH ELECTRONIC EAVESDROPPING EQUIPMENT, WHICH LED TO SRI LANKAN ACTION. ROK OFFICIALS HERE RECALL THAT VESSEL IN QUESTION IS DPRK SPY SHIP WHICH PROVOKED JAPANESE CRITICISM SEVERAL YEARS AGO. ROK IS SEEKING WAYS TO EXPLOIT/ALLEGED INCIDENT, WHICH THUS FAR HAS NOT HIT MEDIA.

5. USUN MISOFF MET WITH INDONESIAN DEPUTY PERMREP TO UN JOEWONO, EVENING AUGUST 10. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, JOEWONO SAYS, NORTH KOREANS DO NOT (YET) APPEAR ACTIVE IN LOBBYING EFFORTS HERE, ESPECIALLY IN COMPARISON WITH THEIR SHOW AT LIMA. WE ARE ABLE TO CONFIRM RATHER LOW DPRK PROFILE TO DATE, AT LEAST AT HOTELS. JOEWONO, WHO ALONG WITH DELS OF NEPAL, VENEZUELA, AND AN INCREASING NUMBER OF MODERATE NON-ALIGNED, ARE LAMENTING RADICAL DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT, CLAIMED THAT INDONESIA WOULD QUIT THE COMMERCE SHOULD QUESTION OF TIMOR ARISE UNFAVORABLY.

6. JOEWONO BELIEVES PANAMA WILL BE MODERATE IN ITS DEMANDS CONCERNING THE CANAL. HE WISHES TO HELP US ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA BUT, AS SO MANY OTHERS, IS CONCERNED THAT OPPOSITION TO RADICALS ON THESE ISSUES

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WILL CONSTITUTE A LONELY VIGIL. WE BUOYED JOEWONO BY LISTING SUPPORTERS ON BOTH QUESTIONS. JOEWONO NOTED THEM--HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY POSSIBLE HELP FROM GHANA ON KOREA--AND PROMISED TO BE IN CONTACT WITH AS MANY AS POSSIBLE.

7. FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK ARRIVES NIGHT AUGUST 10. JOEWONO CONFIRMED THAT SUHARTO WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT

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